## For Immediate Release

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## IMPORTANT CHANGES AT THE ANIMAL FOUNDATION

Animal Foundation Services move to appointment only starting tomorrow

LAS VEGAS – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, both Lost & Found and Adoptions at The Animal Foundation will be open by APPOINTMENT ONLY starting tomorrow, Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. This precaution is being taken to keep both the public and our team safe during this constantly evolving situation.

## **Adoptions**

Adoptions are taking place by appointment only at The Animal Foundation, Engelstad Foundation Adoption Center. Interested adopters can make an appointment by calling 702-955-5901 or emailing <a href="mailto:adoptions@animalfoundation.com">adoptions@animalfoundation.com</a>. Phone Lines for scheduling adoptions are open 7 days a week from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The Animal Foundation has closed the Everyday Adoption Center at 286 W Lake Mead Parkway, Henderson, Nevada 89015, and is suspending all offsite adoptions programming.

All of our available animals up for adoption are listed on our website at <u>animalfoundation.com/adopt-a-pet/adoption-search</u>.

#### **Lost & Found**

All Lost & Found Services which include animal reclaims, owner surrender intervention services, and owner requested euthanasia will be handled through appointments only by calling 702-951-5932 or emailing KEPPT@animalfoundation.com. Phone lines are open 7 days a week from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Extra staff is on hand to answer your calls.

Animals that have been found and are at the Animal Foundation can be searched through <u>animalfoundation.com/get-pet-help/lost-found-search</u>.

Please refer to our website for other important information and questions you may have regarding this change in operations.

# **Low-Cost Veterinary Clinic**

Earlier this week The Animal Foundation closed the Low-Cost Veterinary Clinic through April 5, 2020.

Our commitment to you and the animals is what is driving real-time decisions as we continue to take in and care for pets in need. The Animal Foundation is changing how we do business, but we will continue to be there for the community in case of emergencies.

We need your support during these difficult times. We ask that if you find a lost pet, please carefully assess the need for the animal to come to The Animal Foundation. If you can reunite the pet with its owner in your neighborhood, please help us during this time.

The best way The Animal Foundation can prepare to respond to this community issue is for our campus to have as much available space for animals as possible. The community has always been a great partner, and we ask you to continue to support us during this time.

One of the biggest ways you can continue to help is to foster an animal. Social distancing doesn't apply to animals. Fostering is free. It won't cost a dime, just your time. The Animal Foundation provides everything you need: food, supplies, even bowls and treats (as available).

The Animal Foundation remains steadfastly committed to both our two- and four-legged friends. We will get through this together.

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# **ABOUT THE ANIMAL FOUNDATION:**

The Animal Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of animals in the Las Vegas Valley. To promote the humane treatment of animals, The Animal Foundation operates one of the highest volume single-site animal shelters in America, saving more than 21,000 pets every year. Additionally, the Foundation services include adoptions; lost and found; low-cost spay and neuter, vaccinations and microchipping in addition to many other lifesaving programs. In June 2015, The Animal Foundation announced Mission: Possible 2020, its strategic initiative to save the lives of all healthy and treatable animals who enter their care by the end of the year 2020. To learn more about The Animal Foundation or view adoptable pets online, visit <u>animalfoundation.com</u>.

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